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For:

THIN FILM TRANSISTOR SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

THE SAME

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98</u>

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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-45892, published February 14, 2003 (previously submitted).
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-58849, published February 25, 2000 (previously submitted).
- 3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-307777, published November 5, 1999 (previously submitted).
- 4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-244209, published September 2, 1994 (with English Abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith except for list references 1-3 which have been previously considered.

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